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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 7, 2004**

In response to the Office Action Dated December 7, 2004, Applicant hereby respectfully submits the following Response.

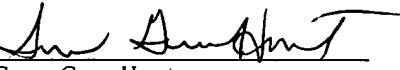
The required Election in response to the Restriction/Election requirement is made on page 2 of this document.

Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with this submission, however, if any fees are necessary, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-0390, Baker & Daniels.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a))

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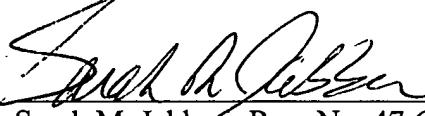
## **RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT RESPONSE**

In response to the Restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 7, 2004, Applicant, as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.143, provisionally elects Invention Group IV, into which claims 20-25 have been categorized by the Office Action. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the claims of the remaining Invention Groups in one or more divisional applications.

If any issues remain that can be resolved by telephone, Examiner Lawrence is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (317) 237-1130.

Respectfully Submitted,

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